a)   sending a distributor an order for goods from a supply chain participant utilizing a network;

b)   tracking the goods utilizing a bar code;

c)   storing results of the tracking in a database; and

d)   allowing the supply chain participant to access the results of the tracking utilizing a network with TCP/IP protocol.

7.   (Amended)   A system for tracking a shipment of goods in a network-based supply chain management framework utilizing barcodes, comprising:

a)   logic for sending a distributor an order for goods from a supply chain participant utilizing a network;

b)   logic for tracking the goods utilizing a bar code;

c)   logic for storing results of the tracking in a database; and

d)   logic for allowing the supply chain participant to access the results of the tracking utilizing a network with TCP/IP protocol.

13.   (Amended)   A computer program product for tracking a shipment of goods in a network-based supply chain management framework utilizing barcodes, comprising:

a)   computer code for sending a distributor an order for goods from a supply chain participant utilizing a network;

b)   computer code for tracking the goods utilizing a bar code;

c)   computer code for storing results of the tracking in a database; and

d)   computer code for allowing the supply chain participant to access the results of the tracking utilizing a network with TCP/IP protocol.